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QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE ENTERS PUBLIC PHASE



Wiregrass supporters attending the public announcement of the Capital Campaign are: (L-R) Ms. Janice Malone, Dr. Michael Malone, Mayor Bob Bunting of Ozark, Ms. Linda Bunting, Ms. Mary Lee Carter, and Mr. C. Charles Nailen, Jr.

Dozens of Troy State University System friends, supporters, faculty, and staff enjoyed the festivities as the system's first-ever Capital Campaign--the *Quest for Excellence*--launched into its public phase with a gala luncheon and rousing announcement ceremony at the Capitol City Club in Montgomery on September 22.

"We are excited about our top-quality universities, colleges, schools, and programs," said TSUS Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. "This System is a great cause. What we are doing here is making a real difference in thousands of lives."

"Working together, we will grow the next generation of leaders, scholars, and business people

for Alabama and the world," Dr. Hawkins said. "I urge you to join us in this *Quest for Excellence*."

Students from the TSU theater and music departments and the Sound of the South marching band provided entertainment while Dr. David Bronner, the national campaign chairman, and Richard M. Scrushy, TSUS trustee, lent words of support. Thus far, the campaign has raised some \$12 million for projects throughout the system, with an ultimate goal of \$18 million.

TSUD President Michael Malone said, "I am very pleased that during the quiet phase we have raised a lot of friends and dollars as well. The public phase will involve many more people in TSUD's Capital Campaign. We will be able to tell the TSUD story to a wider audience. I look forward to the opportunity."

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Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor of The Troy State University System, addresses the crowd of system supporters, friends, faculty, and staff at the public announcement in Montgomery.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looking out my window on this not-so-fall-like day, two things catch my eye—one thing even my prescription bifocals can't miss and the other much less apparent but equally as frenetic in its pace of action. The "lift" is moving at a tortoise pace along the side of Adams Hall allowing the very able craftsmen to replace and improve the fascia structure on the building. Twenty yards to the north my favorite campus mascots (our wonderful fox squirrels) are preparing a nest in one of the hurricane-trimmed oak trees.

The commonalities shared by these artists and crafters are not lost on me. The fascia repair and nest building are carried on in a very methodical, one foot at a time manner. The builders and restorers are very conscious of time; they seem to share a high tolerance for constant interruption; they are obviously very quality driven; they want to get the job done right the first time; and they maintain open channels of communication with their respective co-workers.

Watching these efficient crafters work, I can't help but reflect on the goals and objectives we as a TSUD team have been talking about together for over two years. Put succinctly, we must carry out our responsibilities as crafters and artists. We must be quality driven. Quality must be assured in our daily contact with students, the community we serve, and with each other. We must be efficient. We don't have resources to waste. We must look to the future and plan for the unexpected as well as the anticipated. We must be patient and civil as we face the challenges ahead, e.g., semester and Datatel conversions, SACS, and two year's worth of campus construction. And, we must keep communication channels open at all times. There are no "we" colleagues and "they" colleagues—colleagues are always first person plural!

Would that I can be as effective in carrying out my responsibilities as the builders and crafters I see outside my window this morning.

It is amazing what one sees if one only looks!
(Are we having fun yet?)

Michael E. Malone
President



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dr. Brenda Ameter hosted the Chess Club at her home on September 18; hosted Sigma Tau Delta and Creative Writing Club at her home on September 19.

Dr. Elizabeth Fell attended SACS Leadership Workshop in Gulf Shores on September 11; conducted internship meeting on September 14; attended The TSU System Capital Campaign *Quest for Excellence* luncheon in Montgomery on September 22; met with superintendents and placement officers from Ozark City, Dale County, Henry County, Dothan City, and Houston County Schools on September 23, 28, and 29; chaired curriculum and instruction meeting and attended a

SACS Steering Committee meeting on September 30.

Dr. Patricia Fritchie met with Dr. Betty Armstrong, professional development school's principal, regarding field based experiences for RED 472/572 on September 23; appointed by IRA to continue service as a Reviewer for Reading Online, electronic journal of International Reading Association, for academic year 1998-99.

Dr. Barbara Gusick presented a paper entitled "Negative Entitlement: Work and Death in Late-Medieval English Lyrics" at the Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Medieval Association of the Midwest held at Stark campus of Kent State University in Canton, Ohio, on September 24-26; attended a

news conference announcing the TSUD and The University of Alabama's cooperative program in mechanical engineering on September 2.

Ms. Maya Jones participated in EBSCOhost database training session at Auburn University Draughton Library on September 25.

Mr. Ed Kirkland coordinated tax workshops co-sponsored by the SBDC and the Alabama Department of Revenue; conducted workshop for Dunbarton Corporation at the Dothan Convention Center; attended meeting of the African-American Business Coalition and the SBA to sign formal agreement for business assistance; participated in career fair at Slocomb; participated in "Business Expo" in Ozark.

Dr. Anne Lorance traveled to Tuskegee to attend a grant writing conference; conducted an in-service at Webb Elementary School on "Collaboration"; attended Faculty Handbook Committee meeting; attended an annual meeting and banquet sponsored by the Historic Chattahoochee Commission in LaGrange, Georgia; worked collaboratively with Dr. Greg Ruediger on a manuscript.

Dr. Charles McArthur presented three workshops to the following: Daleville Middle School faculty on "Children with A.D.H.D. and Oppositional Defiant Disorder," Enterprise State Junior College faculty on "Teaching Students with A.D.H.D. and Classroom Accommodations," and Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation counselors on "A.D.H.D. in Adults, Symptoms, Accommodations, and Vocations."

Ms. Debora Pettway was elected to the Board of Directors of the Adolescent Resource Center for a three year term beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 2001; attended and participated in the race and education community forum at the Gamble law firm in Dothan on September 1; attended luncheon meeting with Representative Locy Baker on

REFLECTING ON RESPONSIVENESS

During the Fall Convocation, Dr. Malone spoke to us regarding TSUD as a "responsive" university. As he continued to talk about responsiveness and change, the words from Dr. Jack Sublette's welcome address at the Presidential Installation in April 1997 came to mind. The following text is taken from Dr. Sublette's welcome on April 18, 1997.

"As many of you know, Troy State University Dothan calls itself and is dedicated to being a *community university*. While the professional literature is replete with discussions of the two-year community college, the term *community university* is seldom mentioned. However, a recent publication by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities titled *The Interactive University: A Source for American Revitalization* delineates the characteristics of what it calls the *interactive university*, which is really what we mean by *community university*.

The *interactive* or *community university* is one "whose basic developmental strategy is to form an active and reciprocal partnership with the leadership ([that is, the] business, civic, and political [leadership]) of its community or region, a partnership focused on the common goal of shaping a community that is strong and equitable, both economically and socially. Predominantly 'others centered' in orientation, the interactive university is willing and able to involve its community citizens as 'stakeholders' or co-owners in the university's future. This orientation contrasts with the *classic university*, an institution partly characterized as aloof and separate from society, serving as a detached critic rather than an active participant."

Writing just a few years ago in a little publication titled *Campus Life: In Search of Community*, Ernest Boyer, from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, proposed "six principles that provide an effective formula for day-to-day decision making on the campus and, [which] taken together, define the kind of community every college and university should strive to be." Boyer goes on to say that a university should be *purposeful, open, just, disciplined, caring, and celebrative*. While we at the university believe that TSUD fulfills the charge to be *purposeful, open, just, disciplined, and caring*, it is this sixth characteristic, the celebration of the institutional community, on which we focus today. Boyer defines the *celebrative* university community as "one in which the heritage of the institution is remembered and where rituals affirming both tradition and change are widely shared."

We at TSUD share our ritual today in which "both tradition and change" are "affirmed." We take great pleasure in the ritual marking the change in TSUD's leadership. While we concentrate on being the best *community* or *interactive university* we can be, we always have our eyes on the future as demonstrated by our strategic plan, which leads us toward the next century and our continued service for the Wiregrass region. The ceremony today also affirms tradition. While TSUD is a young institution and has little tradition of its own, it is an integral part of a very long tradition—the tradition of higher education itself. Of course, TSUD is also a part of The Troy State University System, whose history goes back a hundred and ten years. Our celebration of tradition is perhaps most clearly and easily seen in these unusual costumes which several of us wear, whose origins go back for perhaps eight centuries or more.

TSUD, like all colleges and universities, demonstrates and documents the creativity and imagination of its founders, builders, and caretakers. In *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Shakespeare writes:

The poet's eye, in a fine frenzy rolling,
Doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven,
And as imagination bodies forth
The forms of things unknown, the poet's pen
Turns them to shapes, and gives to airy nothing
A local habitation and a name.

Those who created and continue to build TSUD—the poets, if you will—have taken an "airy nothing" and have given it shape and substance. Several of us here today gathered on a chilly, windy morning in the fall of 1988 on a desolate spot, little more than an "airy nothing," not far behind where I now stand, to break ground for this beautiful campus where we are today. The creativity and imaginations of these "poets" have given us TSUD, the *community* or *interactive university* for the Wiregrass region. We celebrate today not just the change in leadership but also the creativity and the continuity of our link with both the past and the future."

September 8; attended the Community-Wide Forum on Uniting Our Community for the Twenty-First Century, which was sponsored by the City of Dothan and the Houston County Commission Biracial Study Group of Dothan, at Westgate Recreational Center on September 17; attended the National Council of Educational Opportunity Association (NCEOA) in Washington, D.C., on September 25-30.

Ms. Ann Wells welcomed employees from the City of Dothan to the Continuing Education Center for computer training and attended a reception for Patsy Pouncey, the new Director for the Convention and Visitors Bureau on September 14; participated in the new student reception and in the Slocomb Career Fair on September 17; conducted a planning session for the Coping with the Aging Process Seminar on September 22; served as acting chairman for the Workforce Development Advisory Board in the absence of the Chairman on September 24; attended a Retired Senior Volunteer Advisory Board meeting on September 28; attended a Student and Community Services goals and assessment meeting on September 30.

Mr. Tony Whetstone attended UA/TSUD news conference and luncheon on September 2; attended Russell Corporation Job Fair in Slocomb on September 17; attended TSU System Capital Campaign announcement in Montgomery on September 22; attended National Association of Student Personnel Association (NASPA) state board meeting at Birmingham Southern College on September 25.

Ms. Pamela Williamson assisted Dr. Charlotte Kirkland in interviewing for employees for the new TRIO grant (Talent Search—a program that will work with Dothan City Schools, Wallace College, and TSUD) on September 3; the Office of Counseling Services hosted New Student Receptions for incoming freshmen and transfer students on September 16 and 17; made a presentation to the downsized

employee group from General Cigar on September 23; co-hosted TSUD Chapter of AEA meeting on September 30 and she will serve as point-of-contact for membership enrollment this year.

TSU System News...

From Troy...

TROY STATE MEETING STUDENTS' NEEDS THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING

Troy State University, which already covers the world through its campuses on military bases at home and abroad, may soon earn a reputation as the best place in cyberspace to receive an education, thanks to TSU's new Distance Learning Center.

The center allows students to take TSU courses on the Internet without leaving the comfort of their homes, according to Dr. Richard Bothel, Troy State's newly appointed dean of Distance Learning. Troy is launching its latest distance-learning effort by offering a graduate-level education course to 25 teachers in three different school systems in Covington County, with more courses being planned.

"The purpose of the program is to provide flexibility, particularly to adult students," Dr. Bothel said. "The Distance Learning Center gives Troy State another way to serve its students." Dr. Anita Hardin, dean of the TSU School of Education, added that as the needs of students have changed, Troy State has responded. "This came about after I assumed the position of dean in March of 1997," Dr. Hardin said. "I started visiting school superintendents in the area and asked what Troy State University can do to better serve them."

The distance-learning courses are designed to allow students to work at times convenient for them. This is opposed to other forms of distance learning, such as "telecommuting," where students don't have to travel to campus, but still must adhere to a set schedule.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

September 1998

Attended Ozark Rotary Club meeting to hear Gordon Stone as guest speaker
Participated in two breakfast meetings with ESJC President Stafford Thompson and Wallace College interim president Johnny Joyner
Participated in TSUD-University of Alabama BSME degree program press conference at TSUD and luncheon

Attended TSU vs. Alabama State football game in Troy
Participated in House of Ruth Board of Directors meeting
Attended TSU Board of Trustees dinner and meeting in Troy
Attended ground-breaking ceremony for Airborne Express
Participated in TSUD Community Advisory Board lunch meeting
Attended citywide Health Fair at Dothan Civic Center
Attended Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting
Participated in Army Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc. Executive Committee meeting at Fort Rucker
Attended Program Car Sales ribbon cutting
Attended Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Appreciation Breakfast
Participated in SEADAC Board of Directors lunch meeting
Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting
Attended Career Fair for displaced workers in Slocumb
Attended Bi-Racial Study Group Community Forum at Westgate Recreation Center
Attended Army Aviation Museum Board presentation ceremony for Gen. Petrosky at Fort Rucker
Attended TSU System *Quest for Excellence* Capital Campaign announcement in Montgomery
Attended Fort Rucker Change of Command ceremony
Participated in Wiregrass Forum meeting in Ozark
Attended TSU vs. Samford football game in Troy

The convenience distance learning offers has led one recent Troy State graduate to begin work on her master's degree in education. "Being a first-year schoolteacher, I have no idea when I will finish work each day," Chicora Bush, a fifth-grade teacher at Straughn Elementary, said. "This way, I can schedule when I want to do the class-work." Bush said she would have considered delaying her graduate work without the distance-learning option offered by TSU. She is also impressed that each course is designed for the student to work at his or her own pace, as long as they can cover the required amount of material. "I still can't believe how convenient it is," she said. "They (Troy State) really listened to our needs. I can do my job well and still get my master's degree. I was worried about how I was going to handle

doing both at once."

Dr. Bothel said that Troy State will establish the new distance learning courses with two principles in mind: blend the new courses with more traditional forms of instruction, and, more importantly, ensure the courses have the same high standards Troy insists upon for all its academic programs.

"We're setting up this program so that these teachers can get their master's (degrees) in two years," Dr. Bothel said. "But it will not all be distance learning. We will take some courses on-site to Lurleen B. Wallace College in Andalusia, and they will have to come to Troy during the summer for some courses." Dr. Bothel acknowledges some courses of study may not lend themselves to distance learning, adding that TSU deans must decide

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which courses in their departments are appropriate. No matter which courses are offered, however, Dr. Bothel sees plenty of potential for distance learning to enhance TSU's outreach efforts. "We want to have one or two courses available for high school students to take on-line. We're hoping that will lead these students to Troy State after they finish high school."

Dr. Hardin added the distance learning program can become "an excellent recruiting tool" for TSU.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

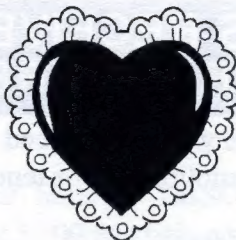


RED RIBBON DAY

OCTOBER 27, 1998

10:00 - 10:30

CAFE COURTYARD



COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

September 1998

Get Well Cards

- *Dr. Brenda Ameter
- *Allison Carr
- *Dr. Adair Gilbert
- *Dr. Reiff Lafleur

Get Well Card and Flowers

- *Johnnie Quick

Sympathy Card

- *Joanne Krist

Memorial Donation

- *St. Mark United Methodist Church in memory of Ethel Leewe, Joanne Krist's mother

Thank You Note Received

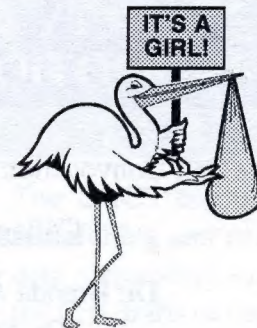
- *Joanne Krist

FROM THE TSUD FAMILY

Dear Courtesy Committee,

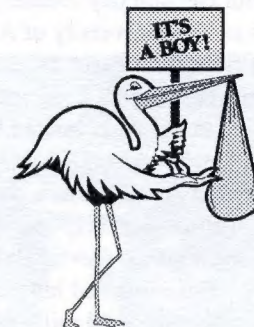
Thank you very much for the gift that was sent to St. Mark United Methodist Church in memory of my mother, Ethel Leewe.

Sincerely,
Joanne Krist



Kendall Anna
born to
Anita and Kenny Fondren
on
September 29, 1998
9 Lbs. 6 Ozs.
20 3/4 Inches

Congratulations
Anita and Kenny!!



Weston Davis
born to
Ashleigh and Kevin Savoy
on
October 14, 1998
8 Lbs. 13 Ozs.
20 3/4 Inches

Congratulations
Ashleigh and Kevin!!

FACULTY MEMBERS RECEIVE PROMOTION AND/OR TENURE

The following TSUD faculty members were announced during the Fall Convocation as receiving promotion and/or tenure:

College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Brenda Ameter - Associate Professor

Dr. Ronald Bae - Professor

School of Business

Dr. William Evans - Tenure

Dr. Richard Williams - Tenure

School of Education

Dr. Elizabeth Fell - Professor/Tenure

Dr. Jan Gunnels - Associate Professor/Tenure

Dr. Sandra Lee Jones - Associate Professor

Dr. James Windle - Associate Professor/Tenure

1998 FALL QUARTER ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 1998 Fall Quarter increased by 5.5 percent over the same quarter of the previous year. The final tally for this fall quarter was 2,199 students.

VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 5, 1998
HARRISON ROOM

SPEAKER
DR. BURTON WRIGHT



UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF ATTEND CANDIDATES FORUM IN MONTGOMERY

With election day looming less than a month away, a crowd of some 200 people, representing TSU, TSUD and TSUM, as well as The University of Alabama, Auburn University, and other public schools, enjoyed a visible, vocal presence at the Higher Education Partnership (HEP) Candidate Forum in Montgomery on October 1.

The HEP, which combines the efforts of Alabama's 15 public, four-year universities to advocate the cause of higher education in the state, invited the Republican and Democratic candidates for governor and lieutenant governor to share their plans for higher education in Alabama and to answer questions at the forum. Lieutenant Governor Don Siegelman and State Senator Dewayne Freeman, the Democratic candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, outlined their education agendas and responded to specific queries from the crowd. The Republican candidates for the state's two highest offices--incumbent Governor Fob James and State Senator Steve Windom--did not attend the forum.

Siegelman detailed his plans for an education-benefiting lottery, the "Alabama Lottery for Education," noting that a lottery could create \$150 million to \$175 million for education. An Alabama lottery would support a statewide pre-school program, put computers in all of the state's public schools, and provide tuition-free college education for qualifying high school students, Siegelman said. "The challenge for Alabama's future clearly lies in education," he said. "By giving our young people the opportunities they need, we can give Alabama, as a state, the ability to compete for the best jobs and open up economic opportunities beyond our wildest dreams."

Freeman also touted the importance of education for the continued growth of the state's economy. "Alabama's economic development in the 21st century will depend on the type of workforce we have," Freeman said. "We need a good, educated workforce to continue the state's good economic development, and we need to get business and industry involved in solving problems and helping to train the future workforce." When asked about developing new funding sources for education, Freeman said he would assemble a commission to study the feasibility of tax reform in the state. "We need to address Alabama's antiquated tax system," he said, "but it will take a big selling job by higher education to get the public to support (tax reform)."

Members of the crowd peppered the candidates with a variety of questions, ranging from the division of education dollars between higher education and K-12 and the role of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to the duplication of programs at state schools and the viability of community colleges and technical schools.

Gordon Stone, executive director of HEP, closed the forum by encouraging students, faculty, and staff to think about higher education as they cast their vote during the upcoming election. More than 10,000 students have been registered to vote by the HEP in the last 18 months, Stone said. The member institutions of the HEP can muster a potential 150,000 voters, he added. "We have to send the message at the polling place," Stone said.

LIBRARY NEWS

by Maya Jones, reference librarian

A new database is available in our library. EBSCOhost Academic Search provides access to over 3,200 journals covering the social sciences, humanities, education, and more. This database allows access to over 1,000 journals full text dating back to 1990, and 1,700 peer-reviewed journals are also covered.

This database can be accessed through any computer on campus at <http://www.epnet.com/ehost/login.html>. Click on the login button and then choose the Academic Search FullTEXT Elite.

SACS UPDATE

The SACS committees are researching and compiling data preparatory to writing the first drafts of the various reports.

The SACS Office is located in Adams 401H, ext. 398.

TSUD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The TSUD Alumni Association held its annual meeting on Thursday evening, August 27. A cook-out was held before the meeting. Larry Blakeney, head football coach for TSU, was the guest speaker for the evening and gave an update of TSU's move to Division I-A.

As an accomplishment for their first year goal of raising funds for scholarships, the Association presented several scholarships to TSUD students.

The TSUD Alumni Association is currently making plans for its hospitality tent at the TSU Homecoming game on November 7.



The TSUD Alumni Association elected officers for 1998-99. They are (L-R) Mary McCruter, treasurer; Theresa Evans, secretary; Christina Johnson, president; and Carl White, vice president/president-elect.



Scholarship recipients on hand for the Alumni Association presentation are (L-R) Beate Holmes and Adana Baker.

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Tag**



**New
Look**

**TAKE A
PEEK
AT THIS...**



Looking ahead

Pre-registration for Winter	Nov. 9, 10, and 12
Veteran's Day (Univ. Closed)	Nov. 11
Wednesday Classes Meet	Nov. 23
Study Day	Nov. 24
Univ. Closed after 12 Noon for Thanksgiving Holidays	Nov. 25
Univ. Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays	Nov. 26 and 27
Final Exams	Nov. 30 and Dec. 1
Commencement	Dec. 4

BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Brenda Ameter
- 1 Harlan Washington
- 2 Gaye Peacock
- 4 Harry Wills
- 10 Pamela Williamson
- 11 Maya Jones
- 11 Lannes Morris-Murphy
- 19 Lori Turner
- 21 Debbie Christian
- 21 Quan Yang
- 22 Jenny Weber
- 28 Elizabeth Fell

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

- 1 Sherri Burns
- 3 Cindy Halcomb
- 4 Scot Craig
- 5 Diana Parker
- 6 Priscilla McArthur
- 6 Richard Williams
- 9 Reta Cordell
- 12 Patricia Fritchie
- 15 Jean Kirkland
- 16 Gary Buchanan
- 29 John Chalker

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